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IOWA MAN'S PURCHASE OF SUDAFED IN MADISON LEADS TO 6 1/2 YEAR FEDERAL SENTENCE

Madison, Wisconsin -- Torey Huegli, DOB: 08/11/74, of Evansdale, Iowa, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 78 months in federal prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for unlawfully possessing pseudoephedrine knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. Huegli pleaded guilty to this offense on August 3, 2005.

On March 13, 2005, Huegli was observed buying Sudafed at the Shopko Store, Mineral Point Road, in Madison, Wisconsin. Huegli's behavior raised the suspicion of a Shopko employee who watched Huegli enter a car with Iowa license plates. The Shopko employee called the Madison Police Department and Huegli was subsequently arrested, along with another individual. In the vehicle, officers located 672 Sudafed tablets, coffee filters, and other items commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine. Huegli admitted to the police that he knew the items he was purchasing were going to be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

The charge against Huegli was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force.

Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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